

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the responsibilities of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Aeronautical Committee and the Division of Aeronautics with regard to Airport Development in the state.

Policy

Air transportation is essential for developing industry, recreation, and energy resources throughout the state. It is therefore necessary that a network of safe and modern airport facilities be provided to promote Utah's development.

It is the policy of UDOT to encourage the systematic upgrading of the network of airports throughout the state as outlined in the Utah Continuous Airport System Plan (UCASP) and the Metropolitan Airport System Plan (MASP) and to accomplish this systematic upgrading in accordance with the Statewide Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) for public-use airports. Further, it is the policy of UDOT to promote the growth of aviation services for the general public at all levels of aviation activity. Since the majority of Utah's airports are owned by either cities or counties, UDOT will make every effort possible to assist in developing their airports.

Responsibility

UDOT will establish overall policy and procedures for the continuing development of capital facilities at all public-use airports in the state. Through the Division of Aeronautics, UDOT will update the UCASP annually with inputs from the local airport sponsors.

The Aeronautical Planner at the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) will coordinate with the Division of Aeronautics in updating the MASP annually, also with inputs from the local airport sponsors.

The Division of Aeronautics, with assistance from the WFRC Aeronautical Planner, will coordinate the information developed for the UCASP and the MASP, and will produce the SCIP, which is a five-year program which prioritizes airport development and maintenance projects and allocates both federal and state funding to those projects.

The Aeronautical Committee will act in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Division of Aeronautics, the Executive Director of UDOT and the Transportation Commission by providing recommendations and advice on the planned development and maintenance of airports and airport facilities throughout the state.